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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Nine

(50)

Part B for Sept. 40

SUBJECT.

Alleged reduction in the sales of Power Alcohol-Petrol mixture in Bangalore city and Tumkur

WD 0578—GPB—22,500—12-9-39

Karanatakapura,
21/10/40

Subject: Petroleum Rationing

File No. 486 of 1939. [App. B/III/2

Serial No.	
1	Letr dd 13-11-39 from Messrs K. R. Chandappa Ambi, Nagarna, Calton agents, stating that their sales of Petrol, alcohol mixture in Bangalore city have fallen very much on account of the systematic footing with of pure petrol from holders of Bangalore Cantt area and suggest that either 1) the Petrol-alcohol mixture be introduced in Cantt area as well as 2) sale of the mixture be introduced in suburban places and the dealers in Bangalore city permitted to sell pure petrol until retro-active [illegible]
	* May be submitted to I Member for favour
	Dealt by)
	I member)
	Exn Cmte for remarks
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Requisition in terms of Petrol Alcohol Mixture Act 1974 ✓ 2029 ✓ 2064 ✓ 2102 ✓ 2140 ✓ 2235

Gte File No. 283 of 1939.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Serial No.	
5	To the Excise Commr. D 2654. 27-11-39. Is a copy of letter received from Caltex Agents for remarks
2	D 2577-79 dt 22-11-39 To Messrs Caltex Burmah-Shell & S.V.O. Co. Request them to compare the consumption for Sept 39 with ~~Oct~~ 39 and Oct 38 and to state their opinion of the mixture during October.
4	Letter no nil 558 dt 24-11-39 from Messrs Caltex stating that the introduction of power alcohol mixture in Bangalore has caused many customers to transfer their business to Cantonment and that this situation will correct itself. Letter no nil dt 28-11-39 from Messrs Standard Vacuum Oil Co stating that from the statistics sent it will be seen that there is definite preference for Straight petrol and that the public have reconciled themselves to the mixture Submitted for perusal. The reply of Messrs Burmah-Shell has not been received.

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" Reply from Burmah Shell Co to be pursued -

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I member)

Dewan)

Publicity officer)
Limit of 2 nos.

" nil 3/12/39

To be done 4-12-39

To be done 6 p.c.

5/12

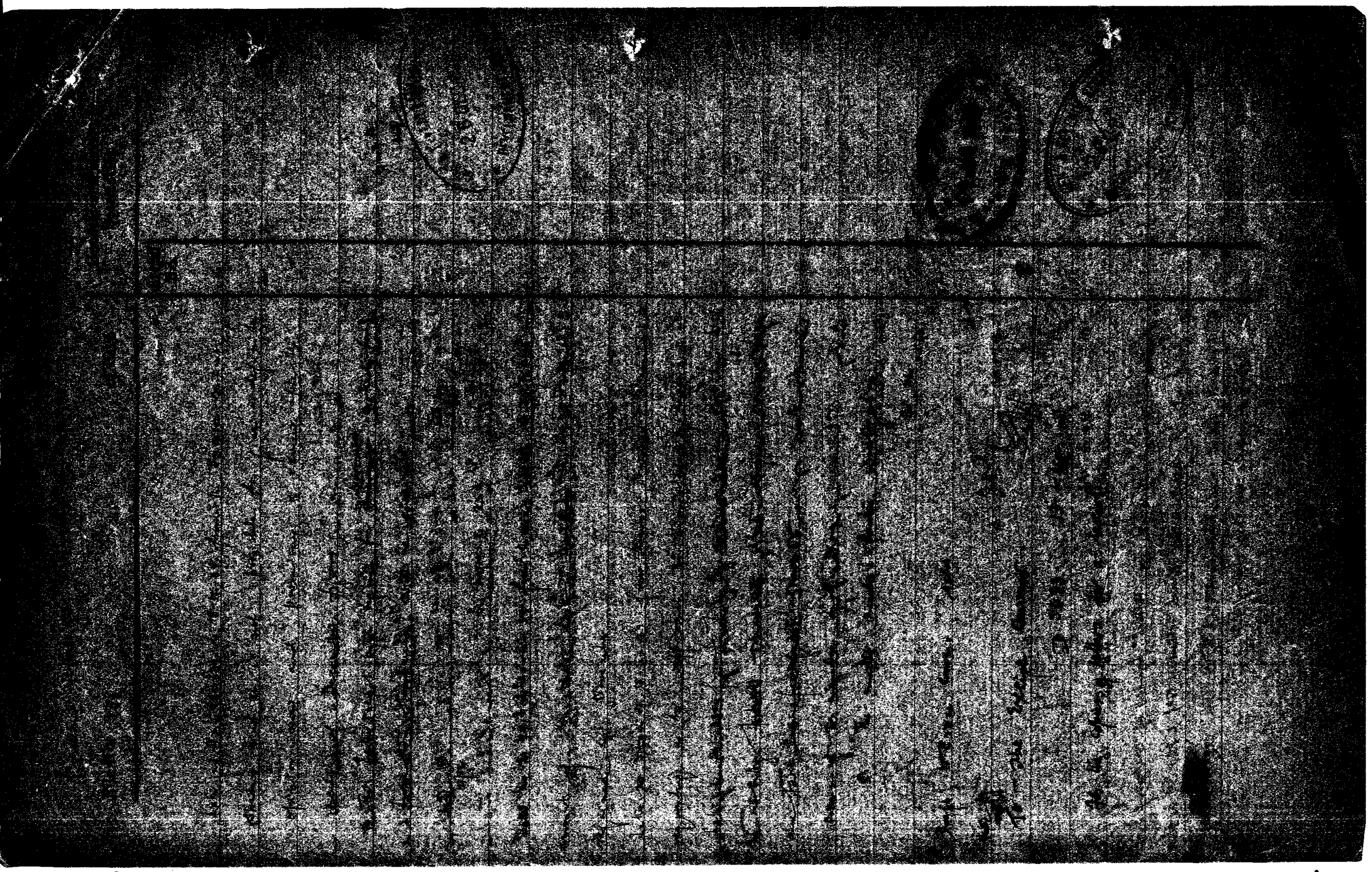
Reduction of sales of Petrol-alcohol mixture in Bangalore City by

General and Revenue Secretariat.

GHC File No. 283 of 1939. [App. F. III-2

Serial No.	
	Letter dt 1-12-39 from Mr K. N. Gurusamy intimating Govt for about the transfer of business of petrol from city to Cantonment.
	12 The Excise Commr has already been asked to furnish his remarks on the letter of Messrs Caltex on the same subject. The remarks will be submitted.
	13 Separate action has been taken to address the Residency for introduction of Power Alcohol act in Cantonment also.
	14 The letter received from Mr Gurusamy is for perusal 13/12/39
	Dw by)
	15 The actual figures of consumption of petrol monthly in our bear at the contractors quarters under dealers under city. Please get the figures for remainder as called for vide letter dt 8/12. 14/12
	16 Draft under. 15/12
7	To m/s Caltex Ltd Madras " S.V.O Co. Ltd " " Burmah Shell " D 3136-38. 16-12-39 Request them to forward the actual figures of consumption of Petrol alcohol mixture in B. city during Oct & Nov 39 as also the figures of Petrol Consumption in Nov 1938, & their experience of the petrol alcohol mixture during Nov 39.

NOTE—Contn. Sheet



Illegal sale on the duties of Power Alcohol & Petrol mixture in Bangalore City

General and Revenue Secretariat | 9re File No. 103 of 1939. | [App. F. III-2

Serial No.	
10	Letter no Ax - 990/39 dt 2-5-40 from the Excise Commissioner Mysore forwarding the report called for.
22	Submitted for perusal
WD/ 8/5	23 For favour of perusal The fall in sales of the petrol-alcohol mixture in the City - 41,378 gallons or 11% ± appears to be rather large. It has however to be noted that the fall during the first three months was 27,888 as against 12,690 during the last two months (Vide 2 Fig 6).
	8/5/40
	D-W-dt)
24	As suggested by the E.C. the sales for some more months may be obtained.
	(or. Ltr.) 12/5/40
	25 Dft 13/5
	26 Dft 15/5/40
	15/5/40
	15/5/40
27	Draft dated
WD 17/5	28 Dft 25/5
	To The Excise Commissioner.
	D 5365 dt 24-5-40.
	Calls for a further report after finalising for some more months.

SECY. DEV. DEPT. 8 MAY 1940 GOVT OF MYSORE

OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL MAY 13 1940 No 21607

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REVENUE SECRETARIAT 2nd MAY 1940 DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

In regd connection with the sale of Power alcohol – petrol mixture in Bangalore city and Tumkur.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Serial No. 11

Letter no A2-277/40-41 dt 29-7-40 from the Excise Commr in Mysore stating that there is a fall in the sales of the mixture in Bangalore city and Tumkur Dt and a corresponding increase in C+M station and suggest reduction of price of mixture by 3 pis in Bangalore city.

29 The question of introduction of Mys. Power Alcohol act in C+M station was dropped as the Residency are not in favour of the same.

30 The Ex. Commr wants to take suitable action re fall of sales in Tumkur Dt.

31 The Excise Commr suggests that the price of the mixture should be made 3 pis less than that of Petrol. The petrol companies have been asked to sell the mixture at the same price as that of straight petrol and remit the profits to Govt.

32 Perhaps this suggestion could be given effect to for a quarter at least and the effect watched.

Submitted for orders.

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Secretary

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Please to (illegible)

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Serial No.

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~~Petrol and alcohol~~ What reduction in annas will this necessitate in the price charged by the oil companies per gallon of alcohol supplied to them for the mixture?

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(linked file 257-39)

At present The price of a gallon of Petrol - alcohol mixture as from 9-7-40 is Rs 1-10-9

The price is calculated as follows:-

Price of Petrol at Bangalore depot, being the new Madras basic price plus rail freight to Bangalore	}	1-10-10.06
85%		1-6-9.75
Cost of alcohol delivered at Bangalore	}	1-3-0
Charges for the distribution of alcohol including 2 annas dealer's Commission	}	0-5-0
		1-8-0
15%		0-3-7.2
Actual price of a gallon of mixture =		1-10-4.9

Thus it seem that a profit of 4.05 pies is made per gallon of mixture which contains 15% alcohol. So a profit of 0-2-3 per gallon of alcohol is got. This profit has to be credited to Govt as per agreement with the petrol companies.

If 3 pies reduction is made in the sale price of mixture ie if it is sold at 1-10-6

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

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Reduction in the sales of Petrol - alcohol mixture

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then we realise a profit of 1.05 pies per gallon in the 7 pies per gallon of alcohol.

By reducing the price of the mixture from 1-10-9 to 1-10-6, the profits to Govt will go down from 0-2-3 per gallon of alcohol to 7 pies.

There is no need to reduce the price of alcohol at which alcohol is now sold to the petrol companies. If later on the price of petrol falls, this question will crop up.

Submd for orders. Ref. para 34.

HWD 30/9

The price of the mixture may be fixed at Rs 1-10-6 without reduction of the price of alcohol sold to the petrol companies.

For orders.

4/5/40

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May be reduced if such a reduction is absolutely called for to encourage the use of mixture and if it is held that the sales of mixture will increase.

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I do not think that such a small reduction of price would make the use of the mixture more popular. No action needed 1/10/40.

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OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL SEP 30 1940 No. 1205

GEN. & REVENUE SECRETARIAT - 5 OCT 1940 DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

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TELEGRAMS : "NANDIMOTOR"

K. R. CHOUDAPPA
&
K. M. NAGANNA
CALTEX AGENTS

CALTEX

GEN & REVENUE SECRETARIAT
14 NOV 19[illegible]
DEVELOPMENT

OPP. TALUK OFFICE
BANGALORE CITY

13th November 39.

Dev Sec'y Home Dept
with Compts.
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B.T.Kesava Iyengar Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Gomernment of Mysore,

B A N G A L O R E.

Dear Sir,

We are dealers in CALTEX PETROL in Bangalore City. Ever since the introduction of the sale of Petrol Alcohol Mixture on 1st October 1939 our sales are falling off so much so our October sales came down by 44 % of our September sales. Our enquiry shows that sales in Bangalore Cantonment are mounting up while sales in the City are going down.

Pump holders in Bangalore Cantonment area are, by systematic propaganda, creating prejudice against the petrol Alcohol Mixture.

If such a state of affairs should be allowed to continue unchecked, it affects the pump holders of the City very seriously.

We need hardly say that the very object with which the Mysore Power Alcohol Act was introduced , namely, finding sale for an important byproduct of the Mysore Sugar Industry, will be frustrated if immediate action is not taken.

P.T.O.

TELEGRAMS : "NANDIMOTOR"

K. R. CHOUDAPPA
&
K. M. NAGANNA
CALTEX AGENTS

OPP. TALUK OFFICE
BANGALORE CITY
13 th November 39.

The enormous reduction of sales in Bangalore City will also affect the share of revenue to Mysore Government from the Government of India out of the duty from petrol.

We therefore pray that:-

(1) either the sale of Petrol Alcohol Mixture may be caused to be introduced to the Cantonment Area in consultation with the authorities there, or

(2) the sale of Petrol Alcohol Mixture may be introduced to Moffussil Areas which are free from competition by pure petrol dealers, and the Bangalore City dealers permitted to sell unmixed petrol as before till retrocession takes place.

We thank you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,
For K. R. Choudappa &
K. M. Naganna
K R Choudappa
Proprietors

21st November 9

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No. 65.

Dear Mr. Matthan,

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated 20th November 1939 enclosing a statement showing the issues of power alcohol up to date to the petrol distributors at Bangalore.

Yours sincerely,

Rajamantrapravina
Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan,
Chairman, Mysore Sugar Co., Ltd.,
Camp Mandya.

GEN & REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
22 NOV 1939
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

Memo no. 65 /.

Forwarded with compliments to the Development Secretary together with Mr. Matthan's letter dated 20th ~~Enclosure~~ November 1939 with enclosure.

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THE MYSORE SUGAR COMPANY, LTD.

RAJAMANTRAPRAVINA DIWAN BAHADUR
K. MATTHAN
CHAIRMAN

"SANTHI BHAVAN"
SESHADRI ROAD
BANGALORE

Camp Mandya, 20th Nov. 1939.

Dear Mr. Madhava Rau,

As desired by you this morning, I am sending herewith a statement showing the issues of power alcohol up-to-date to the petrol distributors at Bangalore.

Yours sincerely,

K Matthan

Rajamanthrapravina

N. Madhava Rau, B.A., B.L.,

Member of Council,

B A N G A L O R E.

Details of issues of Power Alcohol

		B.O.C Bangalore gallons	S.V.O.C Bangalore gallons
Date	27-9-39.	3.300	
	28-9-39.		3.250
Date	3-10-39.		
	4-10-39	3.300	
	9-10-39	3300	
	12-10-39		3.250
	14-10-39	3300	
	23-10-39		
	24-10-39		3250
	27-10-39		
Date	8-11-39	3.300	
	17-11-39	3.300	
Total issues Tradate in gallons.		19.800	9.750

20/11/39

by the Mysore Sugar Co'y Ltd to Petrol Corporation

Callo's Coy
Bangalore
Gallons.

} Total issues for September 6550 gallons.

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} Total issues for October 18.120 gallons.

} Total issue 6800 gallons

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TELEGRAMS:
"CALTEX"

CALTEX (INDIA) LIMITED

(INCORPORATED IN THE BAHAMA ISLANDS.)

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

18, ERRABALU CHETTY STREET
P. O. BOX 50
MADRAS

9/c 283-39-4

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CALTEX

GEN. & REVENUE SECRETARIAT
25 NOV 1939
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

Ref.M-558.

November 24, 1939.

P.H.Krishna Rao.Esq.,M.A.,
The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department,
General & Revenue Secretariat,
B A N G A L O R E.

Dear Sir:

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We beg to acknowledge your letter No. D-2577-79/14 of November 22, 1939 with reference to the Power Alcohol situation in Bangalore City and Cantonment.

On the attached sheet we have given the sales figures requested for each individual Caltex Pump, but we particularly desire to call your attention to the fact that we only started operations in Bangalore last fall and that our figures for 1938 sales at the Kalaspalyam Bus Stand do not represent a true comparison, as October was the first full month of operation, and sales increased considerably as we have shown by giving a more detailed list, of month by month performance, than you have actually requested.

The October 1939 performance of our pump at 22 Coles Road is also not representative, as the pump only operated a few days and was then closed as we were replacing the operator.

In general we would say that; based on advice and information received from our Pump Operators, Company Salesmen and a few important consumers; the introduction of Power Alcohol in Bangalore City has caused many consumers to transfer their business to Bangalore Cantonment. We believe, however, that a survey of sales figures covering the Pumps of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company and the Burmah-Shell will give you a far better and more accurate picture of the situation as they have a larger number of pumps and have been in operation for a much longer period.

We consider that the present situation is partly psychological and that it will eventually correct itself to a great extent.

FORM INDIA 389.
100,000 JAN. 1-1939 S.P.W.

Before the arrangement went into effect we premeditated this exact situation and to assist in preventing it insofar as possible, we placed our pumps on a definite weekly quota based on past performance, but due to the extremely heavy decrease in our sales at the City Bus Stand, we have been forced to protect our position by increasing the quota originally set for our Coles Road Pump. Even this still leaves us about two thousand gallons short of our recent past average sales.

We trust that the above gives you the required information.

Yours very truly,
CALTEX (INDIA)LTD.,
J.D.FOSQUE,
DISTRICT MANAGER.

BY J.W.Power

JWP/FB.
Enc.List.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. D 2654 / 18 C 283-39-5

Dated, Bangalore, ~~26th~~ 27 November 1939.

From

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department.

To

The Excise Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 13th November 1939 from Messrs. K.R.Choudappa and .M.Naganna, Caltex agents, Bangalore City about the fall in the sale of the petrol-alcohol mixture in Bangalore City and to request you to furnish your remarks thereon at a very early date.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

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CALTEX PETROL & POWER ALCOHOL SALES:

		BUS STAND PUMP:	ST. MARKS ROAD PUMP.	28 COLES ROAD PUMP.	SOUTH PARADE PUMP
MONTH		BANGALORE CITY	BANGALORE CANTONMENT:		
1938	JAN.	-	-	-	-
	FEB.	-	-	-	-
	MAR.	-	-	-	-
	APR.	-	-	480	-
	MAY	-	-	1640	-
	JUNE	-	2160	1520	-
	JULY	-	2360	1400	-
	AUG.	-	2200	920	-
	SEPT.	520	2560	1240	-
	OCT.	4480	2040	1520	-
	NOV.	6560	1880	1120	-
	DEC.	6280	1600	880	-
1939	JAN.	7240	1840	1040	-
	FEB.	5920	1520	800	-
	MAR.	7960	2100	1000	-
	APR.	7500	2100	1100	-
	MAY	8000	2500	1150	-
	JUNE	8500	3300	1150	-
	JULY	9500	2300	650	-
	AUG.	9000	2450	450	-
	SEPT.	9100	2100	600	-
	OCT.	5700 P.A.	4250	150	-
	NOV.	4000 * P.A	3150 *	1000 *	OPENED NOV. 21, 1939:

* THESE FIGURES REPRESENT DELIVERIES TO PUMPS UPTO NOVEMBER 21, 1939:

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. D2577-39/Dtc 283-39-2 *Dated, Bangalore,* 22nd November 1939.

From

P. H. Krishna Rao, Esq., M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department.

To
1 Messrs: Caltex (India) Ltd.,
2 " Burma-Shell Oil, Storage & Distributing
3 " The Standard Vacuum Oil Company,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to request that the consumption of petrol in the Bangalore city area during October 1939 may kindly be compared with the consumption in September 1939 and October 1938 and a comparative statement kindly forwarded for the information of Government.

Government will be glad also to know your experience of the petrol-alcohol mixture during the month of October and how it has been received by the public.

Yours faithfully,

DRAFT.

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SUBJECT.....

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File No. 283-39

Serial No. 5

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To

The Excise Commissioner

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dt 13-11-39 from Messrs K R Chandappa and K. M. Nagappa Callex agents, Bangalore city about the fall in the sale of the petrol - alcohol mixture in Bangalore city and to request you to furnish your remarks thereon at a very early date.

I have etc

for Secy to Govt
Dev Dept.

WD 0563—GPB—30,000—6-1-39

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STANDARD-VACUUM OIL COMPANY

(THE LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY IS LIMITED)

UNITED INDIA BUILDING

ESPLANADE

MADRAS No.1709.

November 28, 1939.

POWER ALCOHOL SALES
BANGALORE CITY.

The Secretary to the Government
of His Highness The Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department,
General & Revenue Secretariat,
Bangalore.

S i r:

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your No.D.2577-79/14 under date of the 22nd instant and list below our petrol sales in Bangalore City during September and October of this year as well as October of 1938:

		Sales in Gallons.
October 1938	..	33,950
September 1939	..	34,825
October 1939	..	29,400

It would appear from the above that there is a definite preference among a certain section of the public for straight petrol which can be satisfied in surrounding markets. We had a few complaints early in October, but these seem to have disappeared and we should say that the public have become reconciled to the use of the mixture.

We have the honor to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servants,
STANDARD-VACUUM OIL COMPANY,

MANAGER.

H.H/N.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMPANY

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BURMAH-SHELL

OIL STORAGE & DISTRIBUTING CO. OF INDIA LTD.

(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)

TELEPHONE NO. 3964 (4 LINES)
TELEGRAMS:—"BURMAHSHEL."

POST BOX NO. 157,
BURMAH-SHELL HOUSE,
ESPLANADE,

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO NO. M.M.19(e) D/O

MADRAS, 1st December 1939.

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department,
General & Revenue Secretariat,
BANGALORE

Dear Sir,

We write to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. D.2577-79/14 of the 22nd November on the subject of the introduction of the Petrol/Power Alcohol mixture in Bangalore City.

We give below the comparative figures of our sales of petrol and petrol/power alcohol mixture for which you ask and we also show the corresponding petrol figures for our pumps in Bangalore Cantonment:-

		Bangalore City.	Bangalore Cantt.
October	1938	34,182 glns.	28,430 glns.
September	1939	32,909 "	25,492 "
October	1939	*33,372 "	28,184 "

*Petrol/Power Alcohol Mixture.

You will note that there was little fluctuation in our sales in the City and Cantonment areas during October as compared with the same month of 1938. There may, however, have been transfers of business between the different Companies' pumps, and the full

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position cannot be appreciated without studying all Companies' figures. In our experience there has always been a certain amount of floating trade between the City and Cantonment areas and the proportion of the demand in these two sections of Bangalore tends to fluctuate by 2% or 3% from month to month.

It is true that in October a number of private motorists in the City transferred their custom to our Cantonment pumps, but we think you will agree that this was inevitable. It was to be expected that the introduction of the Power Alcohol/Petrol mixture should give rise to a certain amount of discontent among motorists, and private car owners particularly have complained of bad starting, loss of power, and other inconveniences. The mixture was also unpopular with owners of lorries and buses, but our information is that they are gradually resigning themselves to its use. At present our opinion is that the market will settle down to the acceptance of the new fuel, although the proximity of Bangalore Cantonment, where straight petrol is still available, is bound to cause a certain transfer of demand.

Yours faithfully,
For BURMAH-SHELL
OIL STORAGE & DISTRIBUTING CO. OF INDIA LTD.

Encl: Nil.

G. 2—5,000—8-39.

K. N. GURUSWAMY
AGENT
"BURMAH SHELL"
BANGALORE CITY

TELE { PHONE: 2339 RESIDENCE
" 2258 OFFICE
GRAM: "SUDHA"

JA 283-39-6

172, SULTANPET
BANGALORE CITY

Date 1-12- 1939.

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CHIEF SECRETARY. 4. DEC. 1939 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

GEN. REVENUE SECRETARIAT. - 4 DEC. 1939 DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

In my capacity as President of the Petrol Dealers Association, Bangalore City, I beg to address you as - follows:-

This with the Dept to (R&E)Dept Soon 4/12

At the meeting held last night, I have been authorized to acquaint you immediately as to how the petrol trade in the City has been affected since the introduction of mixture of Alchohal with petrol only in the City limits.

Since the introduction the trade has fallen down by fifty per cent and the trade in the C & M Station and adjacent places in British India has been increased by that quantity.

On account of the depression of the trade, not only we the dealers in that commodity suffer, but also the revenues of the state derived from this source are affected to a - considerable extent.

The quantity of consumption of petrol in Bangalore is equal to that of half the state.

The yearly income derived by the State on petrol as its share from the Government of India is about four and half lakhs of Rupees. This works out at something like 1200 Rs a day.

(P.T.O)

As the trade has fallen down, as I pointed out above, by 50 per cent, I am afraid that the state will be put to a loss of atleast Rs.300/- a day, as far as Bangalore is - concerned.

Hence I request that you will be so kind as to take - such immediate steps as you deem necessary to relieve us of the handicap we are placed under.

This matter has been informally brought to the notice of our Dewansahib and he was kind enough to tell us that he - would look into the matter and do the needful, for which the association begs to convey its thanks to him.

I beg to remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

K. N. Guruswamy.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. 199

Date of issue.....16/12/93

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-alcohol mixture during the month of November '39
and ~~how it has been received by~~
the ~~public~~.

~~If there be~~ I am to add,
that if there be no objection, Govt
would appreciate ~~similar~~ such information
~~the~~ for Dec '39 -also in
due course.

I have etc

for Dep. Secy.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. D 3136-38
18e283-39-7

Dated, Bangalore, 10th December, 1939.
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From

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department.

To

1) Messrs Cullen
2) S.V.O.C
3) Burmah-Shell.

Sir,

I am desired to request that the actual figures of consumption of petrol-alcohol mixture in Bangalore City area during October and November 1939 as also figures of petrol consumption in November 1938 may kindly be furnished.

Government will also be glad to know your experience of the petrol-alcohol mixture during the month of November 39

Yours faithfully,

For Secretary to Government
Development Department.

NMA:4

It 283-39-RR.

Postal Address :—
POST BOX No. 5.
Telephone No. 2353.

Tel. Address :—
"EXCOMR," BANGALORE.

In reply, refer to
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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Dated Bangalore, the...18th December.....193 9

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GEN. & REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

FROM

Rajasevaprasakta
A. V. Ramanathan, Esqr., B.A.,
Excise Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

P. H. Krishna Rao, Esqr., M.A.,
Secretary to Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development.....*Department, Bangalore.*

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SIR,

With reference to your letter No.D-2654/I.& C.283-39-5 dated 26th/27th November 1939 requesting to furnish my opinion on the petition of Messrs. K. R. Choudappa and K. M. Naganna, Caltex Agents, Bangalore City, about the fall in the sale of Petrol-Alcohol mixture in Bangalore City, I have the honour to forward herewith, a copy of letter No.2278 dated 6th December 1939 received from Messrs. Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Madras, furnishing the details of Petrol-Alcohol mixture during October 1939 as compared with the sales of Petrol during September 1939. As regards Messrs. Burmah-Shell Company, I invite your kind reference to their letter No.M.M.19(e) dated 1st December 1939 to your address. It is not possible to give a definite opinion now. The position will be reviewed again after December accounts are received from the Distributors and a further report sent in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Excise Commissioner in
Mysore.
18.12.39.

mdm.

Letter No.3278 dated 6th December 1939 from the Operations Manager, Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Madras, to the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

MYSORE POWER ALCOHOL ACT - PETROL/ALCOHOL MIXTURE SALES.

As called for in your letter No.12-990/39 dated 2nd December, we have the honour to detail hereunder sales of Petrol during the month of September 1939 in the prescribed areas as compared with issues of the Petrol/Alcohol mixture during October 1939:-

	Petrol sales September '39.	Mixture sales October '39.
	Gls.	Gls.
Bangalore City.	54,825	29,400
Tumkur. ...	2,100	2,985

You will appreciate that comparison of sales made between two months is not necessarily of a great deal of value since normally there is a fluctuation in sales during the various months of the year.

" C O P Y "

A Venkatarama

For Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

mdm.

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TELEGRAMS:
"CALTEX"

CALTEX (INDIA) LIMITED

(INCORPORATED IN THE BAHAMA ISLANDS.)

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

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P. O. BOX 50

MADRAS

No. M-991.

December 20, 1939.

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GEN & REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
21 DEC. 19
DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department,
General & Revenue Secretariat,
BANGALORE CITY:

Dear Sir,

Your D 3136- 38
I & C 283-39-7

We beg to acknowledge your subject letter and to forward you the required figures as follows:-

	1938. PETROL	1939. PETROL-ALCOHOL:
OCTOBER ..	4480	5700
NOVEMBER ..	6560	6200

These figures do not reflect a very good picture of the situation as we have only one pump (Kalaspalayam Bus Stand) in operation in the area and during the 1938 months this pump had only just opened up.

It would appear that a certain amount of the business lost to Cantonment Pumps, during September and October, had been regained in November but future results will, no doubt, give a better picture.

Yours very truly,
CALTEX (INDIA) LTD.,
J.D. FOSQUE
DISTRICT MANAGER,

JWP:NP.

BY

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STANDARD-VACUUM OIL COMPANY

(THE LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY IS LIMITED)

UNITED INDIA BUILDING

ESPLANADE

MADRAS

No.3129.

December 18, 1939.

GEN. & REVENUE SECRETARIAT. 21 DEC. 1939 DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

POWER ALCOHOL.

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department,
Bangalore City.

S i r:

As requested in your No.D.3136-38 of the 16th instant, we list below the sales of power alcohol and petrol to which you refer:

November 1938	..	30,975 gallons	(straight petrol)
October 1939	..	29,400 "	(alcohol mixture)
November 1939	..	27,825 "	(" ")

Relatively few comments regarding the mixture are now being received by us here, although we are unable to confirm that the petrol-alcohol mixture has obtained complete acceptance by the public. You are probably in a better position to judge this than we are and we feel sure our petrol pump operators in Bangalore City will give you their views if you care to approach them.

We have the honor to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servants,
STANDARD-VACUUM OIL COMPANY,

MANAGER.

HHH/N.

I. K. Purusholtham Naidu
Municipal Councillor

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE. Cubbonpet
Date of receipt 5-1-40 Bangalore City
Petn: Regr. No. 2-3-47 Dated 5th January 193

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE DEWAN
JAN 8 1940
No 6463

GEN & REVENUE SECRETARIAT
8 JAN
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

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The Private Secretary,
to The Dewan Sahib, Carlton House
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

We the Petrol Dealers in City limits, informally, brought to the notice of our Dewan Sahib and officially to the notice of the Chief Secretary to the Government, that, on account of the introduction of admixture of alchohal with petrol only in the city limits, the sales of petrol in the city limits, have gone down by fifty per cent and those of C & M Station where pure petrol is being sold, have gone up by a similar quantity.

On account of this, we are put to a heavy loss since 1st October. The Dewansahib was kind enough to assure us that he would enquire into the matter and do the needful.

Three months have gone bye and nothing has been done.

We are being ruined and not only we, the Government also is put to a loss of atleast three hundred rupees a day in their share of petrol tax which they get from the Govt of India.

I humbly request that you will be so kind as to place our grievances before the Dewansahib and persuade him to suspend the operation of this rule untill retrocession takes place.

I am told that on a reference to the Distributors at Madras, the Government was told that there has been no reduction in sales in city limits which is far from truth. What the Distributors have lost in city limits, they have gained in the C & M Station. It is we the Dealers in city limits, that

Suitable orders
May I appl be sent to the Chief Sec for disposal.
HRP 9/1
Borey 5/1/40

Chief Secretary with compliments
B.O.
Borey 5/1/40

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE DEWAN OF MYSORE

Suitable
(1st Member)
MK 6/1/40
The matter needs further investigation
9/1/40 MK 9/1 9/1

9/1/40

I. K. Purushotham Naidu
Municipal Councillor

Cubbonpet
Bangalore City

Dated 5th January 193[illegible]

have been put to a severe loss.

A scrutiny of accounts in the installatio in the Railway Goods Shed Yard as to the sales of petrol in city limits prior to 1st October and thereafter, will substantiate our representation.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours Faithfully.

I K Purushotham

Appendix F G—1]

SUBJECT.....

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Date of issue 13/1/40

Signed by Mr George mathi

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Section 9tc

File No. 283-39

Serial No. 8

No. D 3433

To

The Excise Commissioner

Sir,

With ref. to your letter no A2-990/39 dt 18-12-39 promising a report on the alleged reduction of sales of Petrol-power alcohol mixture in Bangalore city, I am directed to forward herewith copies of letters from Messrs K.N Gurnswamy and S.K. Purushothama Naidu in the matter and to request you to ~~secure~~ furnish your report in the matter very early after consulting the local dealers.

I have etc

for Dew. Secy.

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Copy to C.I. of mnis & Exp. K.G.F

WD 0563—GPB—30,000—6-1-39

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. D 3433
18c 283-39-8

Dated, Bangalore. 11th January, 1940.
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From

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department.

To

The Excise Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.A2. 990/39, dated 18th December 1939 promising a report on the alleged reduction of sales of Petrol Power alcohol mixture in Bangalore City, I am directed to forward herewith copies of letters from Messrs. K. N. Guruswamy and I. K. Purushotham Naidu in the matter and to request you to send your report in the matter very early after consulting the local dealers.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

DH

For Secretary to Government
Development Department

NDA.3

I&C 283-39-10.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT. 4487 FINANCIAL BRANCH

Postal Address :—
POST BOX No. 5.
Telephone No. 2353.

Tel. Address :—
"EXCOMR," BANGALORE.

In reply, refer to
No. A2-990/39.
Encls. .....

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

EXCISE DEPARTMENT

I&C SECY. DEV. DEPT. 3 MAY 1940 GOVT OF MYSORE

OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Dated Bangalore, the 2nd May 1940.

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FROM

M. Venkatesa Iyengar, Esq., M.A.,
~~The~~ *Excise Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.*

To

Charles Noronha, Esq., M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Development Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Alleged reduction in the sales of Power Alcohol-Petrol mixture in Bangalore City.

With reference to your letters No.D.2654/I&C.283-39-5, dated 26th. November 1939 and No.D.3433/I&C.283-39-8, dated 11th/13th. January 1940, forwarding for report copies of letters received from the Agents of Messrs. Caltex (India) Ltd., and Messrs:Burmah Shell Oil Co., about the fall in the sales of power alcohol petrol mixture in Bangalore City, I have the honor to state that from the figures of sales of the mixture furnished by the Petrol Companies it is seen that there was a fall in sales of 41,378 gallons or 11 % of Petrol-Alcohol mixture during the five months from October 1939 to February 1940 as compared with the sales of Petrol during the period from October 1938 to February 1939 as noted in the margin.

Name of petrol company.	Consumption from Oct.38 to Feb 39. Gls.	Consp.from Oct.39 to February 1940. Gls.	Difference. Gls.
1.Messrs:Burmah Shell Oil, Co.	1,68,986.	1,47,370.	- 21,616.
2.Messrs:Standard Vaccum Oil Co.	1,63,625.	1,42,800.	- 20,825.
3.Messrs:Caltex (India) Ltd.	30,480.	31,543.	+ 1,063.
Total.	3,63,091.	3,21,713.	- 41,378.

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2. The consumption of Petrol in the Civil and Military, Station, Bangalore during the period from October 1939 to February 1940 was 2,65,019 gallons (1,98,146 gallons) showing an increase of 66,873 gallons. As there is more than a corresponding increase in consumption of petrol in the Civil and Military Station, it may be inferred that a portion of the City's customer has been drawn by the Civil and Military Station on account of the consumer's predilection for straight petrol.

3. As consumers of Power Alcohol-Petrol mixture get used to the mixture the predilection for straight petrol may disappear resulting in increased consumption of the mixture. A comparison of the figures of consumption of the mixture during October, November and December 1939 which come to 1,95,193 gls. (2,23,881 gls) with those of January and February 1940, viz., 1,26,520 gallons (1,39,210 gls) seems to indicate this. The fall during the first three months was 28,688 gallons while it was only 12,690 gallons during the two months - January and February 1940. The sales for some more months will have to be examined before we can come to any conclusion in this matter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. Venkatesalyengar

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore.

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SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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Date of issue 24/5/7

Signed by Mr Ranga Matha

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File No. 283 - 39

Serial No.

No. D 5365

To

The Excise Commr in Mysore

Sir,

With ref. to correspondence ending with your letter no A₂ - 990/39 dy 2-5-40 reporting on the alleged reduction in the sales of Power alcohol - petrol mixture in Bangalore city, I am directed to request you to ~~furnish~~ send a further report ~~in above connn~~ after watching the sales for ~~some more~~ ~~months~~ ~~of~~ months.

I have etc.

for Secy to Govt

Rev. Dept

WD 03695—GPB—30,000—29-1-40

D 5365
Ire 283-39

24 MAY 1940.

The Excise Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. A2-990/39-40 dated 2nd May 1940, reporting on the alleged reduction in the sales of Power Alcohol-Petrol mixture in Bangalore City, I am directed to request you to send up a further report after watching the sales for some more months.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

for Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

Tsn/2.

Postal Address :-
POST BOX No. 5.
Telephone No. 2353.

In reply, refer to
No A2 277 /40-41
Encls. .....

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Tel. Address :-
"EXCOMR," BANGALORE.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Dated Bangalore, the 29th July 1940.

SECY. DEV. DEPT. 30 JUL 1940 GOVT OF MYSORE

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GOVT. OF MYSORE SECRETARIAT DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

FROM

B. UPASEVAPRASAKTA
A. V. RAMANATHAN, Esq., B.A.,
Excise Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

Charles Noronha, Esqr., M.A.,
Secretary to Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development *Department, Bangalore.*

Sir,

Subject:- Alleged reduction in the sales of Power Alcohol-Petrol mixture in Bangalore City and Tumkur.

With reference to your letter No.D-5365/I.& C,283-39 dated 24th May 1940, calling for a further report on the above subject after watching the sales of Power Alcohol Petrol mixture for some more months, I have the honour to state that from the figures of sales furnished by the Petrol Companies it is seen that there has been a further fall in the sales of the mixture in Bangalore City to the extent of 53,310 gallons or15.9 percent during the four months from March to June 1940, as compared with the sales of straight petrol during the corresponding period of last year, as shown in the *margin.

	1940. March to June. Gls.	1939. March to June. Gls.	Difference. Gls.
1. Burmah-Shell Oil Co.,	1,24,420	1,47,270	-22,850
2. Standard Vacuum Oil Co.	1,20,225	1,54,525	-34,300
3. Caltex (India) Ltd.	35,800	31,960	3,840
Total.	2,80,445	3,33,755	-53,310

The fall in the sales of Petrol-Alcohol mixture during the five months from October 1939 to February 1940 (reviewed in the previous report) was 41,378 gls. or 11 % in Bangalore City. During the first three months after the introduction of the Power Alcohol Act (Viz., October to December 1939) the decrease in the sales of the mixture was 28,688 gallons or 12.8 %

...e months, viz., January and February ...90 gallons or 9.1 %. The sales in ... increased to the extent of 15.9 % during ... March to June 1940.

(...) ...traight petrol in the Civil & Military ... the period from March to June 1940 ... by 68,10... ...ns as compared with the corresponding ...r, the figures of sales being 2,24,807 ... 1,5...03 gallons. The increase in the Civil ...ng the five months from October 1939 to ...gallons as against a fall of 41,378 gal... ...y. There was again more than correspond... ...of straight petrol in the Civil & Mili... ...eriod from March to June 1940.

(...) ...ture in the Tumkur District also fell ...ch to June 1940 by 13,735 gallons, the ...ns as against 46,810 gallons. The sales ...ary 1940 had also decreased by 9,617 ...m to indicate clandestine import of ...Civil & military station, Bangalore, Gori... ...r, into this district.

(...) In vi... ...ontinued decrease in the sales of Petrol... ...e City, I am of opinion that in order to ...ixture and make it more popular it is ... of the mixture in Bangalore City at ...lon less than that of straight petrol in ...n, Bangalore. As regards the decrease ... in Tumkur, statistics have been fur... ...District Magistrate, Tumkur, and the Chief Inspector of

of Mines and Explosives, in order to detect and book cases of illegal transport, possession or sale under the Petroleum and Power Alcohol Acts.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

29-7-47

Excise Commissioner in
Mysore.

mdm.